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This Statement is filed under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.97. The prior art is listed on the accompanying Forms PTO/SB/08A.

The four prior art references, namely the U.S. Patents listed below, constitute the closest art of which the Applicant is aware relating to the invention of the above identified Application. The Application discloses and claims an optometric business method which is patentable over this prior art, which is as follows.

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Patentee</u>
5,999,908	12/07/1999	Abelow
5,987,434	11/16/1999	Libman
5,911,442	06/15/1999	Olson
5,537,618	07/16/1996	Boulton et al.

It is respectfully submitted that Applicant's application discloses an invention which is patentable over these references, which are disclosed to the Patent Office to ensure that all pertinent art, of which the Applicant is aware, is before the Examiner for consideration. Entry of these references into the file of the above Application is believed to be in order, and is respectfully requested.

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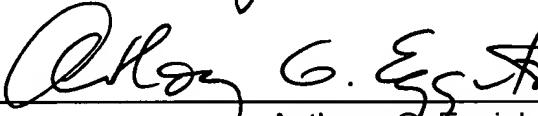
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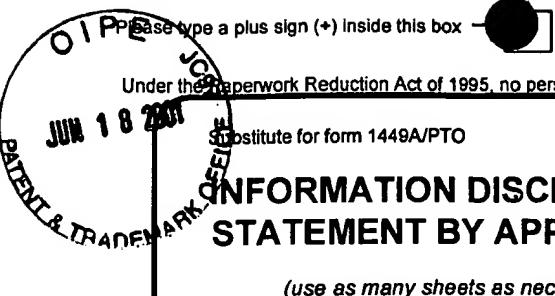
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